

## Candidates for Election as Trustees Monhegan Associates, Inc. 2025 Annual Meeting

### Marlene Arvan

It was more than 35 years ago that my husband and I came to Monhegan — just for a quick visit. We both worked in the film business, so we never knew when we might have a few weeks of vacation. For the past 18 years, we have owned the Andrew Winter Cottage, a house on the way to Blackhead which includes a wondrous and beautiful garden. It gives me great pleasure to make so many people happy as well as curious as to what we are growing. There have been many conversations from the road about our plants and then, of course, people share what *they* are growing in their own gardens. It has been a perfect way to meet people and pass on my joy and love of the island.



Nothing makes me happier than to serve Monhegan Associates. For the past six years I have been the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, where we seek and identify candidates who would be interested in serving on the MAI Board of Trustees and who might be a proper fit for that position. We then work with the candidates to provide background material to present to MAI members. These are all the people whom you are reading about right now. I was privileged to serve as a Trustee for six years, and according to the By-Laws, I had to step down for a year. But I would be honored to take on that role again and continue serving the community. Thank you so much for your consideration.

### Sally Boynton

I was just 6 months old when I made my first trip to our family cottage in Deadman's Cove. I have been back almost every year since, except for the 8 years my family lived in Asia, when we would return every 2 years. During those years, Monhegan was our only home in the US. Our family has owned the Alongshore cottage in Deadman's Cove since 1948. My husband, Ivor Specterman, and I have been fortunate to own the BS Cottage in the Cove since 1991.



Growing up on the Island, I had many entrepreneurial jobs: house cleaning, babysitting, bread baking, mail and meal delivery, artist model, working on the Monhegan Voice, to mention a few. I was one of the first employed "curators" of the Monhegan Museum, giving guided tours of the collections. I attended the Monhegan School for the first half of fifth grade, such fun!

Currently I am a member of the MAI Ecology Committee and Co-Chair of the Lands Committee. I have been a Board member of the Monhegan Memorial Library and Chair of its Nominating Committee since 2018. I was vice president and I am currently president. Professionally, I am and have been a practicing attorney for the last 40 years. A recreational Island fisherman even longer. My love for Monhegan, its wildlands, cliffs and trails, is deep. I hope to continue contributing to conserve and protect the unique ecosystems and wild land of our Island.

### Jon Floyd

I was born in a small town in the heart of Virginia, where I attended college. My journey to Monhegan began 20+ years ago on a foggy foggy day. My aunt and uncle who live in Maine decided that I needed to see one of their favorite places. With a blink of the eye as we pulled into the harbor, the fog lifted, the sun came out, and the glow of the community stole my heart before I even stepped on the wharf. I have been back every year since that first trip.

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Each summer, I wanted to stay longer, trying to figure out a way that I could. I would visit in early spring and in the off-season, but wanted to be more connected... so fast-forward to when Covid happened, changing most lives. Years prior, a friend had asked me to help her run her B&B, so I set off for a journey that has changed my life! Living in the community, even as a summer visitor, I felt more connected, but still wanted to do more to help. I would volunteer at the museum as often as I could, I work many many jobs to help maintain the community's sustainability. Then last year I was invited to join MISCA. I didn't know what it entailed, but with my knowledge of some things and my ability to create things I was more than willing to help. We have many projects underway and have accomplished a lot, with more to come. I hope that as a Monhegan Associates Trustee, I can give something to this organization.

## **Jesse Partridge Guerrero**

Monhegan has been the most constant home in my life. As a kid, the magic of Monhegan was endless: building fairy houses in Cathedral Woods, trekking down from White Head at low tide to find Anemone Pool, running around barefoot, hours at the beach. As an adult, the magic is still here, but what has struck me again and again is how lucky and privileged I and my family are to have known this place. Our time on Monhegan goes back five generations, starting with my great-great aunt Jessie (my namesake), a jeweler who introduced the island to her niece, my grandmother, who came here with my father and his sisters, who brought me and my cousins, and now we bring our children. We get to watch, through our kids, the cycle of magic and awe start from the beginning. Of course, things have changed – the people, buildings, businesses, but the wild and inspiring landscape, the source of all that magic, has been the same for all of us. I want to give back to the island that has defined me as much as anything else in my life.



My professional background is in engineering and urban planning. As the director of Data Services at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, the regional planning

agency for Greater Boston, I work with data and technology to better understand the challenges facing the region, its people and environment, and to inform decision-making about the future of the region.

## **Naomi Kordak**

I've been a lifetime summer resident of Monhegan, first arriving in 1986. Much to my good luck, my grandmother Violet Van Houten had our cabin built on Lighthouse Hill in the mid-60s, where my family and friends have made countless memories ever since. Several of my summers over the past 39 years were spent working at local businesses such as the Island Inn, the Periwinkle, The Novelty and the Fish House. This has given me the opportunity to get to know many year-round and summer residents, as have the connections made through my family. The beauty of the wildlands of Monhegan is nothing like I have ever seen elsewhere and truly moves me beyond words. I am passionate about preserving the natural beauty of Monhegan and can often be found on the backside of the island during my visits. I am currently based in Portland, Maine, where I work as a social worker in a retirement home, but Monhegan has always felt like home.



As someone who has been given so much by Monhegan, I realize it is my responsibility to give back by protecting its beauty and its unique biodiversity. In collaboration with other island non-profit associations, I am also committed to making the community an

affordable place to live for year-round residents. I would be honored to serve another term as trustee for the Monhegan Associates so I can help move the mission of MAI forward.